

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A smoking article comprising a rod of ~~smokable~~ smoking material that can be pyrolyzed and inhaled and which is wrapped in a wrapper, ~~and said rod~~ having a first end which is devoid of a filter element and suitable only to be lit in use and an opposite second end which may or may not be adjacent to a filter element and suitable ~~only~~ for placement in a smoker's mouth in use, said rod comprising at least two discrete smokable segments joined in substantially end-to-end abutment, the segment adjacent said second end comprising an encapsulated flavourant incorporated within the ~~smokable~~ smoking material thereof, and the segment ~~having adjacent~~ said first end being devoid of any encapsulated flavourant in the smoking material thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein the rod of ~~smokable~~ smoking material comprises only two segments.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein said segment adjacent said second end is the only segment of said smoking article containing encapsulated flavourant therein.

5. (Previously Presented) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein said encapsulated flavourant is selected from the group consisting of menthol, cocoa, *Mentha arvensis*, vanillin, ethylvanillin, ethyl vanillin glycoside, ionone, damascenone, C<sub>9</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> lactones, or mixtures thereof.

6. (Previously Presented) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein said flavourant is encapsulated in a polysaccharide, a starch, a cyclodextrin, or an adsorbent.

7. (Previously Presented) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein an inert material is present on said encapsulated flavourant to reduce particulate matter delivered to the consumer during smoking of said smoking article.

8. (Previously Presented) A smoking article according to Claim 7, wherein said inert material is a carbonate.

9. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~smokable~~ smoking material comprises reconstituted tobacco material.

10. (Previously Presented) A smoking article according to Claim 9, wherein said encapsulated flavourant is incorporated within said reconstituted tobacco material of said segment adjacent said second end.

11. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 9, wherein said reconstituted tobacco material constitutes 20-50% of the ~~smokable~~ smoking material of a segment.

12. (Previously Presented) A smoking article according to Claim 9, wherein said reconstituted tobacco material comprises tobacco dust, said tobacco dust constituting 30-70% of said reconstituted tobacco material.

13. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 9, wherein said ~~smokable~~ smoking material is an extruded rod.

14. (Previously Presented) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein said encapsulated flavourant is included in an amount of 200 to 50,000 parts per million.

15. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein the length of each discrete segment is 10-90% of the total length of said rod of ~~smokable~~ smoking material.

16. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 15, wherein the length of each discrete segment is 40-60% of the total length of said rod of ~~smokable~~ smoking material.

17. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein said smoking article comprises a filter element ~~adjacent~~ joined to said second end.

18. (Previously Presented) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein each said discrete segment is individually circumscribed by a wrapper.

19. (Previously Presented) A smoking article according to Claim 2, wherein the two discrete segments are joined by a wrapper.

20. (Previously Presented) A smoking article according to Claim 19, wherein the wrapper contains indicia which indicates to the consumer the point at which the taste and aroma characteristics of said smoking article will be modified when being smoked.

21. (Previously Presented) A smoking article according to Claim 20, wherein said wrapper is coloured.

22. (Previously Presented) A smoking article according to Claim 17, wherein said filter element is joined to said segment adjacent said second end of the smoking article by a wrapper.

23. (Previously Presented) A smoking article according to Claim 22, wherein said wrapper is a conventional cigarette wrapper, a tipping wrapper, a pretipping wrapper or a

plugwrap.

24. (Previously Presented) A smoking article according to Claim 1, having adhesive used to secure said wrapper, said adhesive comprising an encapsulated flavourant therein.

25. (Currently Amended) A method of making a smoking article according to Claim 1, the method comprising incorporating an encapsulated flavourant within a component of a ~~smokable~~ smoking material and forming the ~~smokable~~ smoking material into a first segment, and joining the first segment in substantially end-to-end abutment to a second segment with a wrapper to form a rod of ~~smokable~~ smoking material.

26. (Original) A method according to Claim 25, wherein the encapsulated flavourant is incorporated within a reconstituted tobacco material.

27. (Original) A method according to Claim 26, wherein the reconstituted tobacco material is produced by an extrusion process.

28. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 25, wherein the encapsulated flavourant is encapsulated in a polysaccharide, a starch, a cyclodextrin or an adsorbent.

29. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 25, wherein the rod of ~~smokable~~ smoking material is joined to a filter element with a wrapper.

30. (Original) A method according to Claim 29, wherein the first segment is joined to the filter element with a wrapper.

31. (Original) A method according to Claim 30, wherein the second segment is joined to the first segment with a wrapper that circumscribes entirely the filter element and

the first segment.

32. (Original) A method according to Claim 25, wherein the second segment is joined to the first segment by a wrapper that only partially circumscribes each of the first and second segments.

33. (Original) A method according to Claim 32, wherein the wrapper indicates to the consumer the point at which the taste and aroma characteristics of the smoking article will be modified when being smoked.

34. (Original) A method according to Claim 33, wherein the wrapper is coloured.

35. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 25, wherein the first and second segments are individually circumscribed with a wrapper.

36. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 25, wherein an encapsulated flavourant is mixed with an adhesive, the adhesive being applied to the wrapper to secure the wrapper in position.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Previously Presented) A smoking article according to Claim 1 wherein said encapsulated flavourant is structured to be released during use only as the burning coal from said first end comes into contact with said encapsulated flavourant.